

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A software application running on a local server having one or more associated local storage media and interfacing with a web-server, the application representing data stored in the one or more local storage media in a consistent GUI based on content, the web-server providing the local server with data in a compatible format for the application, the application organizing and presenting data accessible from the web-server on the GUI based on the content of the data provided.
2. The software application of Claim 1, wherein the software application receives data downloaded from the web-server and stores the data in one of the associated local storage media, the application representing the downloaded data integrated with data stored in the one or more local storage media in a GUI based on content of the data.
3. The software application as in Claim 2, wherein the software application is a music application.
4. The software application as in Claim 2, wherein the local server has one or more associated devices that interface with the local server.
5. The software application as in Claim 4, wherein the software application controls an associated device to utilize data stored in the one or more local storage media when the user selects the content of the stored data as represented on the GUI.

6. The software application of Claim 2, wherein the GUI omits location of the storage medium of the data represented on the GUI.
7. The software application of Claim 1, wherein the software application receives identification data for data that is accessible from the web-server, the application representing the data accessible from the web-server integrated with data stored in the one or more local storage media in a GUI based on content of the data.
8. The software application of Claim 7, wherein a selection of the data accessible from the web-server via the GUI initiates a stream of the data from the web-site.
9. The software application of Claim 8, wherein the streamed data is used by a device that is associated with the local server.
10. A Graphical User Interface (GUI) generated by a software application running on a local server and having a connection to a remote network, the GUI representing data stored locally and in the remote network in standard displays that integrate the representation of data independent of where stored.
11. The GUI as in Claim 10, wherein the GUI represents data in standard displays based on content.

12. The GUI as in Claim 11, wherein the GUI controls an associated device to utilize data selected by a user based on the content represented in the GUI.
13. The GUI as in Claim 11, wherein the software application initiates a download of data from the remote network selected by a user based on the content represented in the GUI.
14. The GUI as in Claim 13, wherein the software application stores the downloaded data locally and causes the GUI to represent the downloaded data together with other data stored locally and in the remote network in standard displays that integrate the representation of data independent of where stored.
15. The GUI as in Claim 12, wherein the software application initiates a stream of data from the remote network selected by a user based on the content represented in the GUI.
16. A system comprising a local server that interfaces with a remote network and runs at least one software application, the system having at least one associated storage medium for storage of local information, the software application initiating communication from the local server to the remote network to retrieve information from the remote network and storing the retrieved information on the at least one associated storage medium as local information, the retrieved information including specified data formatted in a pre-defined data format that is compatible with the at least one software application.
17. The system according to claim 16, wherein the local server interfaces with the remote web network via a web-server.

18. The system according to Claim 17, wherein the web-server receives data in the pre-defined format from at least one data provider.
19. The system according to Claim 18, wherein the at least one data provider is a web-site.
20. The system according to Claim 18, wherein the web-server receives data from at least one data provider and transforms it into the pre-defined format.
21. The system according to Claim 16, wherein the pre-defined data format is compatible with a standard GUI generated by the at least one software application.
22. A method of enabling a remote server to provide information to a local server, the method comprising the steps of storing information, selecting information that is applicable to a software application of the local server, and transferring the selected information to the local server, the information being in a format compatible with the software application.
23. The method of Claim 22, wherein the remote server receives the information in a pre-defined format that is used by the software application.
24. The method of Claim 22, wherein the remote server converts the information into a pre-defined format that is used by the software application.

25. The method of Claim 22, wherein the remote server transfers the selected information to the local server in a format that is convertible by the local server into a pre-defined format used by the software application of the local server.

26. The method of Claim 22, wherein the remote server receives the information from at least one web-site.

27. The method of Claim 26, wherein the remote server receives the information in a pre-defined format that is used by the software application.

28. The method as in Claim 22, wherein the selected information transferred to the local server comprises control information for a GUI associated with the local server.

29. The method as in Claim 22, wherein the information in the pre-defined format comprises content information for the software application of the local server.

30. A method of enabling a software application of a local server to receive information from a remote server, the method comprising the steps of requesting information that is applicable to the software application, the requested information comprising at least one preference of an end user, and receiving selected information from the remote server in a format compatible with the software application, the selected information corresponding to the at least one preference.

31. The method of Claim 30, wherein the local server receives the selected information in a pre-defined format that is used by the software application.
32. The method of Claim 30, wherein the local server converts the selected information received into a pre-defined format that is used by the software application.
33. The method of Claim 30, wherein the local server receives the selected information from a web-server.
34. The method of Claim 33, wherein the web-server receives the selected information from at least one web-site.
35. The method of Claim 33, wherein the web-server receives information from at least one web-site and selects the information that is received by the local server.
36. The method of Claim 30, wherein the web-server converts the selected information that is received by the local server into a pre-defined format that is used by the software application.
37. The method as in Claim 30, wherein the selected information received by the local server comprises control information for a GUI associated with the local server.
38. The method as in Claim 30, wherein the selected information comprises content information for the software application of the local server.